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Compressed and Decompressed
Application No.: 09/854,166 Filing Date: May 11, 2001
Examiner: Knepper, David D. Group Art Unit: 2626
Docket No.: QUSA.021US0 Conf. No.: 7117

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NOTICE OF APPEAL


Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Appeals from the decision dated October 20, 2006, of the Examiner finally rejecting claims 1, 3-14, 16-19, 21-24, and 27.

The fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(b) of \$250.00 Small Entity has been authorized via EFS to Deposit Account 502664. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 502664.

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Respectfully submitted,


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COMMENTS ON FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated October 20, 2006, a Notice of Appeal is being filed concurrently herewith in order to have the claim rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) reviewed by the Board of Appeals and Interferences. This paper is being filed in order to point out that the bases for two concerns expressed in the Office Action about formal matters have already been taken care of, so need not be included in the issues appealed.

With regard to the comments about an Information Disclosure Statement (final Office Action, para. 4), the IDS filed August 3, 2006 is apparently being referenced. In the form PTO-1449 attached thereto, item 9 lists an International Search Report in a PCT application. This entry also includes an identification of the published version of the application, publication no. WO 01/88915A1. Please note that a copy of this publication was listed as item 8 of the form PTO-1449, and supplied with the IDS. This is believed to address the Examiner's concern. In any event, the form PTO-1449 submitted with the IDS of August 3, 2006 was returned with the Office Action, all items having been marked as considered by the Examiner.

The objection of the first Office Action to the title of the present application has been repeated (final Office Action, para. 5) without noting that the title has already been amended in

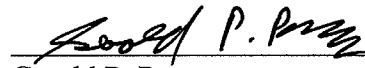
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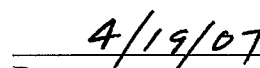
the manner requested. Please see page 7 of the Response to Office Action and Amendment, filed August 3, 2006.

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